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The communication in Paper # 21, filed on 6/26/03, is non-responsive to the prior office action, mailed 2/28/03, because of the following reason:

The format of amendments filed 6/26/03 does not comply with 37 CFR 1.121 because it (1) does not contain a clean version of the amendment in order to comply with the version of 37 CFR 1.121 before it is revised and effective 7/31/03, and (2) the claim amendment is not on a separate sheet in order to comply with the revised 37 CFR 1.121. In the instant case, the claim amendment is on the same sheet as the introductory comments. Further, applicants amended Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 asserting that the Japanese language was translated into English. However, it is not clear to the Office whether new matter is introduced. Furthermore, a version with red line indicating the changes made is not provided.

Since the response appears to be bona fide, but through an apparent oversight or inadvertence failed to provide a complete response, applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, or as extended as follows. AN EXTENSION OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) OR (b) UP TO A MAXIMUM OF SIX MONTHS.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Woodward, Ph.D., can be reached on (703) 308-4028.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to Patent Analyst Tina Plunkett whose telephone number is 703-305-3524, or to the Technical Center receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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